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April 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback  
March 23, 2022 9:00 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

I'm a guide in Wyoming for MF hunting and I've payed a lot of attention to the deer herds in utah and in Wyoming. Wyoming has a three point or better law for deer and I strongly believe that doing that will make a huge difference so the deer actually have a chance to grow.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

Somewhat agree

**Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

I appreciate that you are trying to increase deer populations here in the state. I do believe that perhaps tag cuts should be more aggressive over the next few years. Maybe cut tags to 70,000 instead of 73,000, with a focus on general season rifle hunts. With populations being at 75% of goal, I would hope you could be more aggressive with boosting the population. Of course, building wildlife crossings, incentivizing predator management, and building water catchments help as well, and i know the department is working on that. But I would love to see Utah return to glory days of mule deer hunting.

**Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?**

Strongly agree

**Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?**

Just please keep working on public access to CWMUs. With BYU's study on elk habits blowing up, I think we all want to ensure good access to private lands where possible.

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April 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback  
March 24, 2022 11:02 am

**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?** Strongly agree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?** Strongly agree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?** What can be done to increase mt goat hunting opportunity?

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?** Strongly agree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?** Somewhat agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

I agree with the cuts that Covy Proposed due to the drought and habitat concerns that he brought up. The northern units are still suffering from the hard winter survival from 2017-18. Covy pointed out that killing bucks is not apart of the population growth of the overall deer numbers, knowing that there is also limited access to public land in some of the units listed in the tag proposal is adding 2200 permits to an already struggling deer herd warranted? Please Help out our Northern Deer herds.

Also, the call out for working with Forest Service and other land partners to address the habitat issues in the Northern part of the state. Prescribed burns, land clearing, reseeding after fires (Bountiful fire) have not been of importance like Southern and Central Utah. From the DWR working sessions it was identified that deer that go into the winter with better fat reserves have better spring survival and fawn production. We can see the direct correlation with quality forage on the landscape and how it effects, Urban deer issue, migration timelines, and where they end up thru the winter. The lack of good forage on the landscape of summer and winter range from the peaks and the front from Brigham city to the point of the mountain above draper support vasts amounts of deer and other big game and when is these area of the landscape going to be addressed?

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**Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?** Somewhat agree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?** Somewhat agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?** I am wondering if Riley could please explain the Drought issues at higher elevation.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?** Somewhat agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?** Northern herds are suffering and we are missing a few years of age class of deer (less than 5% fawn survival a few years back) Shouldn't we say NO doe deer tags till we get a handle on the why for northern Utah?

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April 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback  
March 25, 2022 10:24 am

**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

Neither agree nor disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

Why do we not have Mandatory Harvest Surveys? Seems like this would help with getting accurate data rather than relying on people calling selected hunters and doing a survey. If a survey isn't submitted after the seasons you would be ineligible to apply for permits the following year.

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April 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback  
March 25, 2022 11:12 am

**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

Somewhat agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

Prioritize Utah residents when allocating permits. I, personally, would pay higher application and permit fees if I knew more permits were staying with Utah residents. If permits are going to be reduced please prioritize residents over non residents. Thank yoy

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**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?** Somewhat disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

- Buck deer tag adjustments seem to be ok, in general. However, the Pine Valley seems a little steep on the decline and Cache seems a little aggressive on the increase. Additionally, for the units that made a 1 year jump increase in Buck to Doe ratios (though the previous 2 years were down), I think it's unwise to make a knee jerk reaction for permit increases. Populations are still under objective, so that makes no sense to me, especially when the 3 year average is still within the objective range set for the unit.
  - Late season, limited entry muzzleloader permit increases on the Central Mountains Manti seems excessive with an over 50% increase (25 to 39). We don't have to shoot them all up, just because we can!
  - Myton CWD buck deer removal is not a good idea. The science is so conflicting and has not been proven to remove CWD long term.
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**Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?**

- These seem straightforward and make sense.
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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?**

- These seem straightforward and make sense.
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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?** Somewhat disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?**

- I do not support ANY doe deer hunts at this time. Any resource that could be allocated for fencing (for landowner concerns) or relocation would be much more palatable vs doe deer hunts. With several units hurting for deer, there seems to be a better way. Please focus on growing deer populations as the # 1 priority. Killing the baby makers doesn't seem to support this goal.

- The antlerless elk Book Cliffs increase don't make sense if the population objective is 2,000 below the target. The reasoning that there are too many old elk is hard to swallow. Increasing cow permits doesn't ensure old cows will be harvested.

- Most of the cow elk on the Nine Mile unit live on private lands for the majority of the hunting seasons. Especially during low snow years as we've had in the past. Is there any way to encourage more access to private lands where these cows can be more easily harvested?

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?**

Somewhat agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?**

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**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?** Somewhat agree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?** Somewhat disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?** Why are you pulling permits on some units from the archery and Muzzleloader hunts and giving them to the mid and late season rifle hunts???

I will use the Wasatch as an example, you are pulling a large number of archery and muzzleloader tags and increasing the rifle tags. On a unit you say is trending down you did not increase tags at all, but your just pulled tags from the hunts with lower success rates and gave them to hunts with much higher success rates.

While you may not have increased tags you did for sure just increase harvest on a population that you just admitted was trending down.

If your intentions was to increase harvest why are you pulling tags from the other hunts to do this??? Why not just slightly increase tags on the rifle hunts and add a few more tags, and leave the archery and muzzleloader hunts the same?

This tag reduction has large consequences to the people that put in for those hunts as it drastically reduces the chances of drawing for those hunts. People put in for those hunts with a set president for what to expect, and you guys come out of left field and change things around. It doesn't seem right.

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April 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback  
March 28, 2022 8:37 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?** The deer population in open units is pitiful. There is no reason for the entire state couldn't offer trophy deer. Non resident and private tags should be canceled for five years and the public allotment of tags should be decreased by 15%.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?** Somewhat agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?** Allow the usage of trail cameras during the season.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?** Somewhat agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?** Let us use our trail cameras during the season!

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?** Somewhat agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?** It would sure be nice if we could use our trail cameras during these seasons.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?** Somewhat agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?** Please let us use our trail cameras.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?** Your ban on trail camers is only based on misconceptions and fear not truth and logic.

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April 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback  
March 29, 2022 6:46 am

**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

Neither agree nor disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

I love how the board waits until AFTER hunters apply for hunts to decide they may need to cut permit numbers. Seems kinda like you want that application money before you let people know you're cutting permits in several areas. Seems kinda crooked.

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March 29, 2022 1:47 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

Strongly disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

The winter kill has not been that bad the last 2 years. I seen more deer this last year then I've seen in a long time. I think they should wait to cut tags until they see the success rate from putting a season on trail cameras. It's going to give deer a better chance of making it through hunting season. I don't think they should cut tags.

**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

I'm 73 years old, a lifelong resident and an avid deer hunter. Your video justifying another 1000 tag cut in permits is misguided. The problem isn't whether we have enough bucks to breed does, it's about fawn survival! Weather may occasionally have an impact on population but you can't blame it for 50 years of consistent failure. I have been actively involved with a number of conservation groups who have poured millions of dollars into habitat improvement with no noticeable results. I was a member of your dedicated hunter program for many years and spent hundreds of hours of service to no avail. Most projects related to fishing or general camping. Mule deer saw no benefit!

So, until you guys decide to put your politics aside and run big game like a business you will continue to fail. The areas of the state suffering the most are the same ones seeing the least impact from encroachment. Fawns are not surviving! If you are going to cut deer tags by 1,000 and you think that will do something then you had darn well better increase cougar and bear tags by 1,000 or you are wasting our time and money!

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**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?** Strongly agree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?** I think the recommendations look pretty good. Also for next year (2023) please keep the limited elk hunt structure the same as a bow hunter I like the LE hunt in the early stages of the rut. Keep the LE rifle hunt in the rut there is nothing wrong with that and it makes Utah unique being the only State that gives out a good number of tags in mid September.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?** Strongly agree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?** Strongly agree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?** Love the CWMU program I've personally hunted several of them for deer elk antelope and moose. Last year I hunted bull elk on the Royal ivory Outfitters property thru my draw tag. Unbelievable experience chasing bugling bulls!

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**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

I want opportunity. The more opportunity I have the better chance I have of finding a quality buck. I only shoot a deer every 4-5 years and am a dedicated hunter so have a tag most years. But would like to have a tag every year so I can go. A lot of people I know are the same. My success rate is very low.

The days of getting a tag every year and shooting a deer every year are over. Can't happen anymore. Need to lower success rates some how in my opinion.

People that only shoot a deer every 5 years or so should get a tag every year. Nothing wrong with them having a tag every year. These type of hunters are not effecting deer population or buck ratios much at all. Need some kind of incentive for people to not shoot a deer every tag they have. A lot of people will shoot one at the end of the hunt just to get one.

How about better odds of getting a tag the next year if you are unsuccessful or even a partial tag refund for infilled tags.

Another thing is supply and demand maybe it's time to up the price if it's this hard to get a tag and then refund some if a hunter returns there unfilled tag.

I don't know how everything works just trying to throw ideas out.

Over all you guys do a great job. Thanks for what you do.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?**

Strongly disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?**

I hunt the north slope summit the numbers you are providing are a complete lie. You say the population last year was 300 which i find hard to believe spending almost 5 weeks in the area hunting moose, & elk, I was there throughout Sep- Nov. The elk herd has been wiped out over the last 5years. Your report says last year the population was 300 and 1 year later jumped to 750. Did you relocate elk from another area? Or did the cow elk all have 3 calves each? This area is probably the most hunted area for elk in Utah on opening day of rifle hunt and people are chasing ghost. You need to increase the objective for this area not decrease. We hunt with a camp of avg. 15 hunters for elk in this area each year we use to fill 3 to 5 tags a year, we got 1 spike bull last year and 0 the previous 2 years so i look at we are 1 out 45. I have hunted this area since I was 14yr old & now am 45yrs old and this is the worst i have ever seen it. Pease consider increasing the objective population for this area instead of decreasing for my 3 boys that just started hunting sake. This a huge area that has one of the lowest population objective with the most hunters.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

Somewhat agree

**Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

As a former Utah resident I have always and will always have an genuine interest in Utah's wildlife. I'd like to propose that as a partial solution to the depredation issues, that a pool be created for disabled youth/individuals or even women and children in general where if there is a depredation issue, the landowner can call into the DWR and a voucher/tag from the landowner be given to one of these individuals in the pool to go out and have an opportunity to remove an animal causing the depredation. This would increase opportunity for those individuals in more friendly terrain in a lot of cases while also creating a more immediate response to depredation. I agree with the presentations and discussions in the RACs while also realizing that if deer are going to die of drought or other similar causes they might as well be hunted. I realize that monsoonal rains or something that might benefit deer going into the winter and new year and are difficult to forecast when adjusting permit numbers at the beginning of the year. I would like to propose a separate tag pool where sportsmen and women elect to either have their tag removed or be given a tag if the conditions would be better for the health of the deer herd. Maybe that's a simple button on the application process where you can select to be an alternate if you're unsuccessful in the draw or if you do draw, and it would be better for the deer herd to take fewer animals to keep the population from swinging too much in the coming year, then the DWR can ask those volunteers to return the tag.

**Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?**

Somewhat agree

**Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?**

Some of these thoughts might be better geared towards the elk committee, but some of them are surrounding trophy units, specifically the immediate need surrounding the Beaver unit. I understand that the age class is a surrogate for bull quality as described by Covy in multiple board and RAC meetings. My concern is that as we try to maintain certain age classes that it becomes difficult to manage the herd. Similar to what happened in the Beaver unit where there is now nearly a 1:1 bull:cow ratio. I understand this came partly because we needed to remove lots of cows and were over population objective. This has led to an unhealthy herd ratio while many bulls that otherwise would be available to the public to take are now likely to die from natural causes without a permit increase for bulls. Although we have a desire for quality bulls, this takes away from more opportunity from the public to hunt and creates more of a burden on the point creep than already exists. I feel that the Beaver Unit may just be the first casualty to the age class system with other units likely to follow. I'd like to see an increase of permits and increase of opportunity for the public to alleviate the burden on the point creep. I support the Southern RAC's proposal to increase the number of tags on the Beaver Unit. Bulls eat a significant amount of feed more than cows and calves. Reducing the number of bulls would allow for larger elk herds in a healthy manner and create more opportunity even in the antlerless elk hunts which I fondly grew up hunting. I recently moved from Utah to Wyoming and see that they manage their elk herds with a bull:cow ratio, similar to what Utah does with its deer. I'm not a biologist, but to me it would seem that you could more closely manage a healthy herd that way while also providing more opportunity to the public while having a more useable reference point (bull:cow) ratio rather than the age class. A bull:cow ratio could be broken down to know how many mature bulls:cows and so on. This would still allow for those trophy units to have trophy animals by simply managing the number of bulls (30-40 bulls:100cows in trophy or 20-30:100 in more opportunity based units) rather than being restricted by age class.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?**

Strongly agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?**

Having watched a couple of the RACs I support that process and the recommendations that come from them even if they differ.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?**

Yes and that is you have speical hunts for the handicaps and hunts for the youth so why not have a senior citizens hunt say seventy or older even in the speical draw areas like the Vernon area. Think about it you will sell a lot of permits [making money] and those who go really don't want to kill or harvest anyway, they just want an excuse to get out away from for a few days and ride their 4-wheelers or side by sides.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

Neither agree nor disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

To increase opportunity and at the same time have little to no effect on deer numbers why doesn't our state consider a traditional archery season instead of lumping us in the high tech group of archery hunters. The harvest percentage of traditional archery hunters is so small that the number of permits would have no impact on deer management. Also permits for over 70 years old should be unlimited. We have been supporting the wild life efforts in Utah for 50 plus years and deserve some recognition. Thanks

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**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?** Somewhat agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?** It's seems like a good proposal. I'm just concerned with the state of the bookcliffs. Not sure what can be done ufor the deer herd but it doesn't seem to be getting better.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?** Somewhat disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?** My biggest concern is the bookcliffs elk herd. Now seeing the age class drop seems like a bad deal. I participated in an elk hunt there last year, and there just wasn't allot of feed out there. The summer rains did come last year but with the cows, wild horses, Buffalo, etc.. it seems like there are too many mouths out there. I feel like we need a lot better management of the wild (feral) horses and cows by the BLM and state.

We went out to steer ridge where I shot a nice bull 15 years ago and at that time we saw lots of elk. Last year we only saw one elk, there was hardly any feed even though all the stock ponds were full and we saw probably over 50 Feral horses.

Also let's reduce the pressure on the elk either by eliminating the spike hunt or at the minimum keeping it a 5 day hunt or finding more sanctuaries out there by closing roads. Thanks for your time just a few ideas.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?** Neither agree nor disagree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?** Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?**

I propose we shut off the cow hunts in the bookcliffs and either eliminate the spike hunt or like last year make it only a 5 day hunt.

Here is my reasoning. I understand the thought process about trying to kill the older cows in the bookcliffs but how does that actually work. If you had 100 tags and your killing 50 older cows and 50 younger ones if you double the tag allotment the odds say you know you are going to kill 100 young cows which are the most important ones to save. If we have enough bulls out in the bookcliffs won't all the cows at least get pregnant and while the old cows might not have a calf still some will and then there will be more young elk coming up.

I'm just not a fan of the spike hunt. The spike hunt might have worked in years past but when we have drought years it seems like we need to just be nimble and eliminate that hunt. It seems like more drastic measures are needed.

I heard Dax (division) from the NE RAC talk about years hunters should hunt the spike hunt. He suggested hunters should hunt out there years were there was good calf survival the previous year and a half. Then not hunt out there when there was poor survival. So why not take it further and either eliminate spike hunting when the division saw poor calf or pregnancy rates from the previous 1.5 year. I'm hoping not to many people were listening because he basically said it was going to be good this year. ?

From how I understand it that future Won't we just end up just killing more young ones and reduce the calf's for the next year. Maybe we should be closing the cow elk hunting instead so all the cows make it. We still

Thank you for the time and hopefully somebody reads my ramblings as I think about this stuff at 5:00 am on a Friday morning.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

Whatever the species, I have the same input. I never see nor hear addressed a phenomena that has had a huge impact on our state's hunting: the guide industry. Sometimes we seem to forget that the wild game on public land, as with the land itself belongs to the public. Us. Every citizen. The resources that are there are thus protected by governing entities. If I were to have a business that utilized public resources for personal or corporate financial gain, and thereby extracted the choicest examples of that resource, to sell, there should be a public outcry. If I had the financial resources to hire or entice by bounty, others to detect that unique specimen and give me it's location so that I could thereby gain by utilizing that information to gain thousands of dollars by taking a client to harvest it, I would be taking something that belongs to everyone and profiting from it. Unfairly, I might add. In my area, some guides offer large sums of money for photos and coordinates of trophy animals. They then keep track of the same. I have, on numerous occasions, witnessed roads being completely blocked on opening morning by as many as a dozen vehicles, on every access to an area (guides and spotters) because of a trophy animal being there. This I have witnessed numerous times. (I used to work for the US Forest Service. ) I knew the guides and the people that worked for them. Many of them were my friends. But it is sure just not right. I also know people, hunters of limited financial means, that had spent much time looking for game that would have loved to had the chance at the same animal, and had known of it, as well. Many of them are no longer hunting because of this very activity. It is a sad thing that grandfathers no longer even express any interest in taking youngsters into the field, and cite example after example of this type of behavior ruining a generation after generation tradition. I don't know what the answer to this problem is. I have many ideas, but we are talking about a multi-million dollar industry, monopolizing resources that belong to the public. Everyone should have the expectation that they have an equal chance, if they put in the work, to harvest a great animal, and these marvelous creatures should not have a tag hanging from their ear that reads: killed by the guy that could afford someone to tie it up for him.

**Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?** Somewhat agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?** I think you guys need to look at adding more archery tags especially for limited entry big bull if the success is really that low why not increase the archery and start dropping the point hike with more archery tags

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?** Somewhat agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?** I think once in a lifetime points needs to be for all species instead of one species so make it so that the points people have know can be put in for any species not just for the one they have points for know I understand I'm one person and my opinion doesn't really matter but this is what I'd like to see thanks for reading

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?** Somewhat agree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?** please look into the lifetime license issue as brought up through the rac process.

Please implement mandatory harvest reporting on EVERY tag issued.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?** Somewhat agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?** Elk: consider raising tag numbers on units with higher bull cow ratios.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?** Somewhat agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?** Antlerless elk: I greatly appreciate the decrease in permits on the southwest desert units. I would like to see that unit split into a north and south unit to follow the bull unit boundaries. Remove the desert range experimental station and allow the herd to grow on the north portion. That area has never had any substantial deer herd and can support a much larger elk herd than it currently has. by not issuing cow tags on the north portion you could grow a large elk herd with little mule deer conflict.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

Somewhat agree

**Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

I agree with the divisions proposals with a couple exceptions.  
- I would like the Pine Valley and Zion late muzzy tags reduced by one. It appears that because the 0.5% tag allocation for those tags did not fall on a whole number they rounded up. With those deer units struggling like they are those late tags need to be rounded down do they don't go above the 0.5% tag allocation that set.  
- I would like if the board could ask the division why they didn't increase premium tags on the Henrys and the Paunsaugunt and if it is justified I would recommend that the board consider increasing the Paunsaugunt and Henry premium tags by 2-3 tags. With the 3 year average age coming in at around 25% higher then the objective I think we can increase those tags slightly and offer a little more opportunity. While I watch all the RAC meetings and the elk plan on everyone's mind it seemed like every one is interested in finding a way to increase tags and add opportunity where we can for that species. I hope we can take advantage of increasing deer tags also when we have the opportunity to do so.

**Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?**

Somewhat agree

**Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?**

I agree with most of the divisions recommendations with the exception of the southern RAC voted to increase the beaver elk tags to 76. I think that was a little high but with the flight data showing the number of mature bull on the unit I think we can increase a little more opportunity there maybe somewhere between the divisions proposal of 51 and the RAC at 76 somewhere around 60. The flight counts just confirmed what I seen this year while hunting and scouting for my bull tag on the beaver. There were weekends when I would see 150 different bulls in a 3 day period.

**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?**

Strongly agree

**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?**

Strongly disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?**

I agree with everything except doe hunts on Pine Valley. Since that unit has lost 4000 deer on it this year I think we should not offer any doe hunt anywhere on that unit temporarily.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?** Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?** Ban trail cams used for hunting, and stop killing cougars. They're endangered, and we may lose them all together in Utah if we don't do something.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?** Strongly disagree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?** Strongly disagree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?**

Somewhat agree

**Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?**

I would like to address the movement of tags from archery and muzzloader hunts on the Wasatch elk unit.

I have watched the RAC committee presentations and have seen Covy's response to the issue. I see and understand why they did what they did. The only issue I have is that you are taking a large portion of tags that people assumed would be available for certain hunts and moving them. Many people watch the points needed to draw for units and apply for certain hunts based on those numbers. You guys are now proposing to shift a large portion of tags away from hunts that people were counting on being able to draw and making it less likely that they will draw.

I get that this is a social issue and am under the understanding that starting next year with the application process being later that people will be able to apply knowing what the proposed tag numbers will be. Also the Elk committee is meeting this year to make a new 7 year proposal that could address this issue as well.

Since the tag numbers on the Wasatch are remaining exactly the same I would like the Wildlife Board to consider keeping the tag allotments for archery and muzzloader on the Wasatch and any other units that are under similar circumstances the same as last year and to not increase tags on the mid, and late rifle seasons. Or at the very least maybe not make it such a drastic cut. The issue with tag allocations can be addressed next year with the Elk committee and the later application process that way the public is not blindsided by a tag cut for a hunt after they apply.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my suggestion, this is my second comment on this to you guys but now I have more clarification since Covy addressed it in a couple of the RAC meetings.

Jake Huber.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

I do not support the SFW proposal to cut general deer tags further. We've already dealt with major cuts over the past few years, and we have data that shows that the recommended permit allocations are within the plan or even lower than they need to be to stay within the plan. If fawn survival is as good as it was looking a month ago, it seems like we could even offer a few more tags in a lot of places. I'm tired of special interest groups trying to turn general season hunts into limited entry hunts. As much as we can, let's give people the chance to hunt on these units.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?** Somewhat agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?**

I'm not opposed to the Southern Region RAC's proposal to offer more tags on the Beaver LE elk hunt. The bulls are there and the herd would probably benefit if the bull-cow ratio wasn't so crazy.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?**

I don't support the SFW proposal to reduce bighorn permits on the Jack Creek unit from 3 to 2. These tags are impossibly difficult to draw as-is, especially for those of us who were born too late to have a shot at getting maximum points, and I don't like the idea of further reducing public opportunity to preserve a special unit for the big-money crowd.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?**

I support the cow elk hunt in the Book Cliffs. It's a hard pill to swallow with the herd struggling like it is, but something needs to be done and if we're going to reduce herd numbers, we might as well do it during a drought while the range is struggling anyway.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?** Neither agree nor disagree

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**Which best describes your position**      Somewhat agree  
**regarding the buck deer permit**  
**recommendations for 2022?**

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